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TELEGRAMS.

THE DELHI OUTRAGE.

THE VICEROY'S INJURIES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 24.

In the attempt made on his life while making a State entry into Delhi, the Viceroy (Lord Hardinge) received three slugs in his back, which were afterwards extracted in the hospital. He was wounded in the hip and the neck, and his helmet was full of screws.

After telling his wife that he was all right, and ordering the procession to go on, he reeled and fainted. His staff had to take off their coats in order to lift him from the huge elephant. The howdah was completely shattered.

Subsequently the Viceroy was removed to the Viceroy's Lodge from hospital. He is doing well. The inch is four inches deep, exposing the shoulder.

ASSAILANT UNCAPTURED.

The thrower of the bomb has not been caught, and rewards of 12,000 rupees are offered for his detection.

THIRTEEN INJURED.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Delhi wires that there were altogether 13 injured in the attempt on the Viceroy. A boy, who had taken up a position in a tree, was killed.

WHAT CAUSED THE WOUNDS.

The fragments found lodged in Lord Hardinge's body prove to be metal portions of the howdah.

Lord Hardinge's condition on Tuesday was satisfactory; he has no fever.

THE POPE'S SYMPATHY.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that His Holiness the Pope received members of the Sacred College of Cardinals to impart a Christmas greeting, and expressed his horror at the Delhi outrage and his relief at the escape of the Viceroy. He added that the incident was doubly painful in view of the splendid work of the English in India and the justice and strength of their government.

CONDITION NORMAL.

London, December 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Delhi wires that Lord Hardinge was feverish last night, but nevertheless spent a good night and his temperature is now normal, with less pain.

Bishop Lefroy, in a thanksgiving sermon, said it was unlikely that the Viceroy would do any work for a fortnight.

RS. 30,000 REWARD.

The Maharajah of Patiala has offered a reward of 30,000 rupees for the capture of the perpetrator of the outrage.

Straits Government and Opium Farms.

As the Government is taking over the Labuan and Brunei Opium Farms from the beginning of 1913, an officer will proceed from Singapore to Labuan shortly to conduct the taking over. The Chandi will probably be prepared in Singapore, in the same manner that part of the R. M. S. and Malacca are now being supplied. The Straits Budget

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR.

SURRENDER OF TURKS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade telegraphs that 18 Turkish officers and 247 men, whose retreat was cut off by the Greeks, surrendered to the Servians near Ochrida.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Peace Conference sat for an hour and a half on Monday. The Turkish Delegates did not insist upon the revictualing of Adrianople. The Serbian Delegate, who presided, set forth peace conditions which the Turkish Delegates said they required time to consider. The conference was adjourned until Saturday.

A later message states that the Turks finally withdrew their objections to negotiating with the Greeks.

ALLIES' DEMANDS.

Reuter learns that the conditions set forth by the Allies include the cession of all territory west of a line from a point east of Rodosto on the Sea of Marmora to the Bay of Maltra on the Black Sea, including the peninsula of Gallipoli; the cession of the islands in the Aegean Sea; and the abandonment of all Turkish rights in Crete. The question of Albania is left to the Powers.

BULGARIAN UNANIMITY.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia states that the utmost enthusiasm is displayed in the Sobranje by all parties in approving of the Government's policy in urging that peace must be compatible with the great sacrifices made by Bulgaria.

THE ALBANIAN QUESTION.

Reuter learns that the decision of the Powers regarding Albania will not finally dispose of the matter, because the Allies believe that at least one Power favouring an autonomous Albania some centres which they consider, from both a military and a strictly historical sense, should be within the frontiers of the Allies.

TURKISH PRECAUTIONS.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that all officers on leave from Chataldja will be recalled to their regiments within 24 hours.

TERMS UNACCEPTABLE.

London, December 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that the Council of Ministers have discussed the situation, and it is probable that the delegates to London will be instructed to submit counter-proposals on Saturday.

The Turkish Press unanimously declares that the conditions of the Allies are unacceptable, and that no Turkish Government could subscribe to terms which do not preserve Adrianople to the Empire.

The delegates want to conclude peace but not to commit suicide, and unless honourable peace is possible, the Turks must draw sword.

Enver Bey has visited the officers at Chataldja and made a stirring appeal to their patriotism and exhorted them to abandon party factions.

Thames Cormorant Caught.

A Japanese fishing cormorant, which had been destroying much fish in the Thames between Richmond and Twickenham for some days past, has been captured by nets at dusk. The bird escaped from Kew Gardens and a reward was offered for its recovery alive. As it seldom rose from the water and disappeared for long intervals, many people mistook it for an otter.

TELEGRAMS.

THE INSURANCE ACT.

DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 24.

The decision of the Representative Council of the British Medical Association to reject the Government's final offer under the Insurance Act and to establish an alternative system of industrial practice, has widened the split in the ranks of the doctors. Six prominent members of the Council have resigned, refusing to share the responsibility of the rejection of Mr. Lloyd George's amended terms.

Mr. Lloyd George in an official statement refuses to accept the alternative proposals and adds that if by the 15th January, when the medical panel in any district is inadequate they will be provided in other ways.

PLAYGOERS SOCIETY.

Formal Opening of New Quarters at Shanghai.

The luxuriously appointed rooms which have been set apart in the Astor House for the use of the members of the Playgoers' Club were formally opened on December 18th by Sir Haviland de Saumarez, who also acted as chairman. The opening ceremony was performed from the balcony over the dining room, the principals standing on one side and a large number of the general public on the other. Sir Haviland was supported by that eminent actor, who opened his second season at the Lyceum Theatre the previous evening, Mr. Allan Wilkie, who gave a very encouraging address at the conclusion of the Chairman's remarks, and who wished the new club, which has for its object the encouragement of a better class of entertainers to come East, every success.

Sir Haviland in a short address said he declared the rooms open, but before asking Mr. Wilkie to speak, he wished to make known to the public the objects of the Society. He thought the people in general did not quite understand what were the objects. The people said: "We all go to the theatre and all pay, and what is the use of asking us to do it?" But the objects of the Society, which he thought would be of great use to the community, and not only to that community but to other communities which would start societies and which would be affiliated with the Shanghai Society, was that they would be able to get into touch with people in Western Countries—in Europe and in America—and people who wanted to find out whether it was worth their while to send out a company to play in the East generally to know to whom to apply. The Society would be able to give them assistance and in that way communities would get into touch with players and assure them that they would be able to get some benefit from the East and from the organization which they had formed.

The speech was loudly applauded and also that delivered by Mr. Allan Wilkie who spoke as follows:—

"Through some mishap on the part of the postal authorities in Japan, your kind invitation to address you this afternoon only reached me last night, and I feel quite unable to make more than a few remarks at such very short notice. I trust you will excuse my reading these few remarks to you instead of delivering them

TELEGRAMS.

AVIATOR KILLED.

RESULT OF A GALE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 24.

An aviator named Edward Petre was killed near Redcar while attempting to make a non-stop flight from Brooklands to Edinburgh.

He encountered a gale, which proved disastrous.

extempore, as I am not accustomed to speaking in public without the invaluable aid of the prompter.

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to be present at the inaugural meeting of the Shanghai Playgoers' Club and to be afforded the opportunity of congratulating its members on the enterprise and enthusiasm which have occasioned its foundation. There is to-day an ever-growing interest in the drama awakening throughout the English speaking world and at a time when English playwrights are striving hard to recover a place in the history of European drama, every expression of that interest is a stimulus that makes for their success.

"It has always been said that the Englishman takes his pleasures sadly, but he has hitherto amply falsified this statement in its application to the theatre. The art of the playwright and of the actor are branches of art, the serious consideration of which he leaves to the dramatic and literary critics, demanding from them for his own part nothing more than an ephemeral amusement. Unhappily with such an attitude he pleads that the nervous and mental strain of modern conditions requires its antidote in the form of entertainments that make none but the most superficial demands upon his intelligence after office or professional hours.

"The demand has begotten the supply and while in no way wishing to depreciate the particular class of entertainment that has sprung up in satisfaction of his wishes, yet I do contend that it has militated very materially against the progress of drama in England—a disadvantage from which a new school of playwrights and playgoers are only just beginning to rescue it, assisted in their task by a censorship that seems bent on retarding it.

"In this work a society such as yours can be of the greatest assistance and do much to prove to playgoers locally that tragedy need not of necessity spell boredom. That the problem may possess more than a salacious interest, and that the classics of English drama have qualities which fit them as eminently for the stage as for the students' armchair."

"Again I congratulate you and thank you on behalf of the profession to which I am proud to belong for a genuine effort to awaken interest in its more serious pretension."

The meeting was then brought to a close.

"Even Mr. Bernard Shaw is hopeful that the playgoer will at least take his conscience and his brains with him to the theatre instead of leaving them at home with his prayer-book as he does at present. I do not contend in any way that the play of serious interest should hold anything in the nature of a monopoly of the theatre, but I do consider that to-day it is above all necessary to foster an intelligent interest in what is termed legitimate drama and to advance wherever possible the claims of that newer school of English dramatists on whom the future so largely depends, and to re-learn the invaluable lessons contained in the classics of English dramatic literature from Shakespeare downwards."

TELEGRAMS.

JAPANESE OUTRAGE.

ATTEMPT ON A PRINCE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo wires that an attempt has been made to assassinate Field Marshal Prince Yamagata.

The assailant afterwards committed suicide.

WANING CHRISTMAS.

Are The Good Old Customs Doomed?

The topic of the moment is Christmas, yet it is a great question whether or not Christmas is held in the esteem that it was by our forefathers. The cardinal sin, in the period now referred to as "The good old days," was for any member of the family to be absent from the Christmas dinner if it was at all possible for him to be present. It was round the merry festive board that the family history was told and re-told and the doughty deeds of those who had gone, but were not forgotten, impressed upon the many generations that assembled under the roofs of rich and poor alike.

Stirring Tales.

Yes, tales of those who had fallen in the honour and glory of their country were told with bated breath, and the memories of the gallant ones revered. Adults played at children's games with the rollicking youngsters, and the prospective visit to the theatre or the pantomime was also looked upon as a function for all members of the family to attend. Mothers spent anxious hours over the preparation of the table and the Christmas tree, whilst the paternal member made the most elaborate arrangements for the reception of Santa Claus.

How many prayers were sent to the said Santa Claus for those things which were mostly needed. How many little heads have tossed? and turned for nights, long before the Eve, in eager anticipation of what their good fortune was to be? Such is the case to-day, but to what degree? The family gathering is, though it is hard to admit it, on the wane at home. And why? Because there is not the same family life at home that there once was and year by year there is less.

Proof Positive.

Just drop a line to any of the hotels in Switzerland a fortnight before Christmas and ask for rooms. The chances are that there will not be a room obtainable. Do the same to any of the hotels at Bournemouth, Brighton, Blackpool or any of the popular seaside resorts in the Homeland, not to speak of Paris, Rome or Brussels, and you will find that it is with the greatest difficulty in the world that rooms can be had. The old family gatherings, with illumined pudding, on the great day, have been superseded by revels in the gay capital of France, the dances at the sea side, or the whirling at terrific and oftentimes fatal speed along the tobogganing courses at Davos Platz or Grindlewald.

This eagerness for entertainment for adults, and the overlooking of the youngsters, is the cause of Christmas being on the wane. A child with any head of a boarding school will discover for you that parents are not so eager for the Christmas vacation as they used to be and look upon the holidays as a nuisance. Children are now looked upon and spoken of as "encumbrances" and not as the blessings of God. We all know what this has meant to the once powerful France. Let it not be the same with England. The sooner we get back to the "Good Old Days" with Santa Claus and "silly" games, the better for the nation, and the happier will be the youth of the future.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Turkish Press unanimously declare that the Allies' conditions are unacceptable.

The Turkish officers on leave from Chataldja have been recalled to their regiments.

Lord Hardinge, though feverish, spent a good night on the 24th and his condition is now normal.

The peace terms of the Allies are given in a telegram. The Peace Conference has adjourned until Saturday.

An attempt has been made at Tokyo to assassinate Prince Yamagata, the assailant committing suicide.

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The man who threw the bomb at Lord Hardinge has not been caught, and big rewards are offered for his detection.

An aviator named Edward Petre has been killed while attempting a non-stop flight from Brooklands to Edinburgh.

In a thanksgiving sermon, Bishop Lefroy said it was unlikely that Lord Hardinge would do any work for a fortnight.

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Eighteen Turkish officers and 247 men, whose retreat was cut off by the Greeks, have surrendered to the Servians near Ochrida.

The Turkish Press declare that the Delegates want to conclude peace, but do not want to commit suicide. It must be honourable peace or the sword.

The Pope has expressed horror at the Delhi outrage, which he says is all the more painful in view of the splendid work of the English in India.

Six prominent members of the Council of the British Medical Association have resigned, refusing to share the responsibility of rejection of the Government's offer.

LOCAL.

Nothing further has arisen in connection with the boycott. The cars are still used by very few Chinese.

The Christmas services in the churches were very well attended. St. John's and the Catholic cathedral were handsomely decorated.

The late Mr. W. Ker's Estate. Mr. William Ker, East India merchant, late of the firm of Ker, Bolton and Co., and formerly with Messrs. Ker and Co., of Manila, who died on July 20, aged 80, left in addition to real estate, personal estate of the total value of £236,573, of which the personal estate in the United Kingdom amounts to £222,068.

FIRE AT THE PORTUGUESE CONSULATE.

A fire broke out to-day in the first-floor back premises of the Portuguese Consulate and the house adjoining. The brigade soon succeeded in extinguishing it but not before a good deal of minor damage had been done by the flames and water. It is thought that the outbreak was due to fusion of electric wires. The property is well insured.

VALUABLE CONCESSIONS.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have received information to the effect that through their efforts in the way of representation and an officers Memorial addressed to one of the largest coasting companies on the River Clyde, some twenty-eight Officers serving in the Company are now to be provided with their food whilst in service on their vessels. This valuable concession is one of pecuniary advantage to each Officer to the extent of £26. per annum. Another instance of improvements which are so constantly being brought about by the Guild is a large London firm of foreign-going steamers who have lately been in correspondence with the Guild, and who have decided that arrangements shall now be made whereby each Officer in future will have a full week's leave each voyage on arrival home provided that the exigencies of the service allow it. If this week's leave cannot be granted to each Officer then the Officer who foregoes his leave will be granted an additional week's pay. This concession means that each Officer of the Company will be future have fourteen days leave per annum with full pay or monetary compensation in lieu thereof. The Management Committee of the Guild have already received many expressions of satisfaction from those who will derive such material benefit from these concessions.

THE ZAFIRO.

Captain's Licence Suspended.

The findings of the board of Philippines Marine Examinations, on the accident to the steamship Zafiro on her last trip to Hongkong, have been approved by Colonel H. B. McCoy, insular collector of customs, and as a result Captain P. E. Croes, who was in command of the vessel at the time of the accident, has had his licence temporarily suspended, pending further investigation.

The following are the findings of the board:—

1. S. S. Zafiro grounded on the southeast end of Tunglang Island at about 5 a.m. November 15, 1912.
2. Vessel not navigated with due precaution after passing Wagon Light.
3. Influence of the ebb tide contributed to the grounding of the vessel.
4. Poor judgment displayed by the master of the vessel in not having hoisted and awaited daylight upon losing sight of Collinson Light.
5. For the reasons set forth, the master of the vessel, Captain P. E. Croes, is held responsible for the grounding of the S. S. Zafiro on the morning of November 15, 1912.

Colonel McCoy approved the findings of the board and ruled that the master's licence of Captain Croes be temporarily suspended, pending further investigation by the board of Philippines Marine Examinations.

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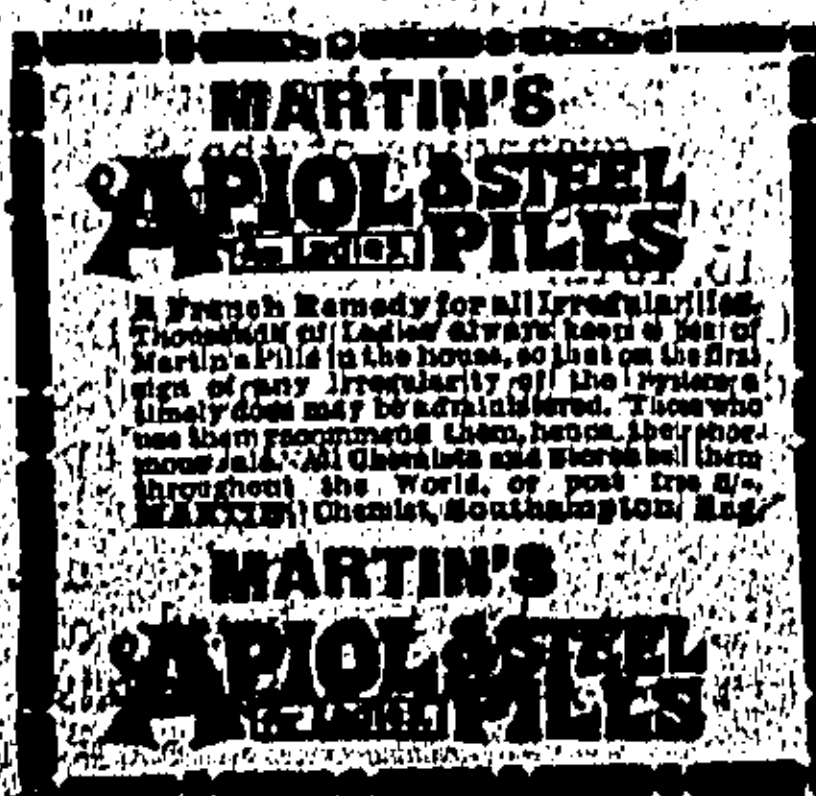
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facturers of greeting cards are
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infinite variety of toys for children
and "suitable presents" for
adults, which crowd the shop
windows at this season of the
year. The character of the
Christmas observance has under-
gone some changes with the
changing times, but its essential
features, as they are enshrined in
our imperishable literature, are
established in the hearts of men
and will endure as long as the
race. "At Christmas play and
make good cheer, for Christmas
comes but once a year," counsel-
led one of our old English poets,
and the Christian world un-
animously agrees to accept the
advice. It is a time when the
memory of many of us is
apt to be tinged with sadness,
as when the swift glances of the
mind reveals to us the family
circle from which we are divided
by many thousands of miles;
or again when memory conjures
up sorrowful changes that these
annual festivals serve to em-
phasise. These, however, are but
fleeting thoughts: the spirit of
Christmas quickly asserts itself
and we either "drown sorrow in a
cup of wine" or, as recommended
in the lines quoted above, we
contrive to "bury it in a Chris-
tmas pie," persuading ourselves
that we live in the best of all pos-
sible worlds where "everybody's
happy." In all sincerity we wish
our readers a Merry Christmas.

China Mail.

The Tramway Boycott.

Though the offer of gratis
rides in the tramway cars was
cordially accepted by numerous
coolies and a large number of in-
fantile Indians no perceptible
approach to a normal state of busi-
ness for the Tramway Company
has resulted. The boycott there-
fore continues. Perhaps if the
licenses of the ricksha coolies and
the launch owners were withdrawn
for a little the Chinese might come
to their senses and prefer to oppose
the tyranny of certain guilds by
which they appear to be influen-
ced, rather than walk when they
wish to ride. We would
regret deeply interfering with
the livelihood of any class in
the community, but we
believe that the Ricksha Coolies'
Guild and the Launch
Owners' or Hire's Guild could
easily maintain their respective
members if they could not do so
themselves as the result of their
recently augmented earnings. Of
course, disturbances might ensue,
but we believe, that the Police
would be quite able to cope with
any nonsense on the part of our
friends the Chinese. The experi-
ment is worth trying and we hope
that the Government will take it
into consideration.

South China Morning Post.

"A Merry Christmas."

Once again to all of our many
readers we wish a Merry
Christmas. Wherever Christians
dwell Christmas day brings
thoughts of home and loved ones.
It is the occasion of rejoicing and
religious observance. The cele-
bration is a pretty one and
mellows in sweetness and senti-
ment with each succeeding year.
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other festivity does.

All the world over Christmas
is undoubtedly the children's
festival, though adults delight to
honour it as well. It is the season
of family reunion when elders
throw off the millstone of business
to romp and play with their
younger relatives. It is the time
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GENERAL NEWS.

Malay Funds for Wounded Turks
It is reported that the donation from the Malay Rulers of the Federated Malay States towards the relief of the sick and wounded Turkish soldiers in the Balkans, amounts to \$20,000, and that this has already been sent by cable.

Big Fire in Perak.
There has been a disastrous fire at Tanjong Rambutan, the large mining centre near Ipoh, Perak. A block of shophouses, Nos. 43 to 50, were burnt out, and the damage is put at \$50,000, but it is stated that \$20,000 worth is covered by insurance.

Terminological Evolution.
A generation ago the dress-maker became a "modiste" and the ready-made tailor's shop a "clothing emporium." To-day boots and shoes are advertised as "footwear"; collars and ties as "neckwear"; the barber's shop has blossomed into a "shaving saloon"; the tobacconist calls himself a "cigarette expert," and the toffee-shopkeeper a "chocolate specialist." Artificial teeth are known, less vulgarly, as "dentures," and are fitted on in a "dental institute." The undertaker is dignified by the title of "funeral director"; even the humble milkman describes himself as a "cream and dairy contractor." Last week, (writes a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian") I received a circular letter stating that Mr. So-and-so would shortly begin to "operate" in his new "establishment" at such-and-such an address. I was disappointed to find that it was only a tailor's circular.

Water Supply at Adelaide.
The recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the water supply of Adelaide and district, that a reservoir be created at Millbrook on the Torrens river, is endorsed by an engineer who has been instructed to inquire into the scheme, and a copy of his report, with a plan showing the site of the proposed work, is now in the possession of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade. The reservoir is to be formed by the construction of an earth embankment about 800ft. long, 90ft. high, and 480ft. wide at the base. The greatest depth of water near the embankment will be 22ft., and the water area will be 370 acres. A concrete weir 150ft. long and 32ft. high is also to be provided, as well as a conduit 107 chains long, of which 80 chains will be in tunnel.

Qualities of Skimmed Milk.
A correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" comes to the defence of skimmed milk. It is very strange (he writes) that, in spite of modern teaching, the notion still persists that the fat or cream of milk is the only food-stuff it contains. As a matter of fact, fully skimmed milk, that is milk which has had all its cream removed without being diluted with water, still contains at least two-thirds of its original fat value. When it is desired to produce a highly concentrated protein food, the basis of the preparation is almost invariably dried skimmed milk. The whole of the sugar present in the original milk remains after the removal of the cream, so that as far as protein (flesh-forming) and carbohydrate (sugary) material is concerned skimmed milk is not much inferior to new milk.

A Journalist and a Bank Note.
Mr. Horace Thoroughgood, journalist of the London "Star," who was a witness at the special inquiry into what are known as the "Putumayo Atrocities," said that after certain articles had appeared in "Truth" making serious allegations against the Company's treatment of its labourers in Peru he called at the London offices of the Company and saw several of the directors. They gave him a general denial of the charges, and declared that the person who had inspired the "Truth" articles was seeking to blackmail the Company. He called at the offices several times subsequently, and eventually was seen by one of the staff, who handed him an envelope. This, he found, contained a bank note. He returned it at once, and complained that an attempt was being made to bribe him. Later the explanation offered was that the official who handed him the envelope had misunderstood the language of a Spanish director of the Company.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

Questions Regarding Local Firms.

(Nov. 25.) Mr. Norman Craig asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs if he would state what were the British commercial undertakings in which the greater part of the capital of the German firms of Carlowitz and Co. and Arnold, Karberg and Co. were respectively engaged.

Mr. Acland: The information on which the reply was based to the hon. member on 31st ult. is necessarily confidential, and I should not feel justified in making it public.

Mr. Norman Craig also asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that the German firm of Carlowitz and Co., directly represented on the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, upon being sued in the Court of Session in order to compel them to count and reckon in regard to the profits upon their transaction with the Chinese Government between November 23, 1892, and November 23, 1895, denied the jurisdiction of the Court over them, and denied that they had any property or business within the jurisdiction of the Court; whether he was aware that the suit had, in consequence, to be abandoned; and whether he still was satisfied that the greater part of the capital of Carlowitz and Co. was engaged in British trade.

Mr. Acland: I have no information as to the first part of the question. As the hon. member has already been informed—on 31st ult.—I am satisfied that the greater part of the capital of Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. is engaged in British trade. I do not, however, see any connection between the two parts of the question.

Colonies and the Navy.
(27th) Mr. Fell asked the First Lord of the Admiralty if he would state what men-of-war for the defence of the Empire had been built, or had been promised, during the last four years by New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada, and the Malay States; and if all these ships were and would be in addition to those voted by Parliament and in addition to the shipbuilding programme deemed sufficient by the Admiralty.

Mr. Churchill: The particulars asked for are as follows:—New Zealand, one battle cruiser nearing completion for the Royal Navy; Australia, one battle cruiser and two second-class protected cruisers nearing completion, one second-class protected cruiser building, three destroyers in commission, and two submarines building—all for the Royal Australian Navy; South Africa and Canada nil, but the Niobe and Rainbow have been purchased by Canada; Malay States, one armoured ship for the Royal Navy, recently offered and accepted. None of these vessels affect the forecasts of new construction given by me to the House in March last.

Mr. Lee: Is it clearly the intention in regard to the Malay armoured ship that she is to be additional to the programme the right hon. gentleman referred to in July last?

Mr. Churchill: I stated in March the forecast of the figures of construction which we thought necessary, and I also explained what would be the revision consequent upon action elsewhere. That forecast I see no reason to modify at the present time in any way. The Malay ship is an addition to that forecast. (Cheers.)

Russia and China.

(28th) Mr. Ginnell asked the Foreign Secretary whether the Korostovetz mission to Urga, in Chinese Mongolia, and the alleged treaty with a local Lama there, were the first fruit of M. Sazonoff's recent visit to London; whether this was Russia's alternative policy, rendered necessary by the failure of the six-Power financial group, to enable her to attain the same end through them; whether the previous treaties, said to be confirmed with the Lama, were made with the Lama or with the Chinese Government; and whether the Chinese Government was consulted before British approval or recognition to the alleged treaty with a Chinese subject.

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Sir E. Grey replied that the hon. gentleman's question contained statements which were untrue, and he must therefore content himself with saying that the hon. member was quite wrong in supposing that His Majesty's Government were a party to the agreement.

Mr. Ginnell: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that these statements have been made in the Russian and Chinese Press?

Sir E. Grey: They had better be contradicted at the source where they have been made.

THE LATE GOVERNOR OF NORTH BORNEO.

From the "British North Borneo Herald" we learn further news concerning the tragic death of Mr. James Scott Mason, late Governor of British North Borneo, which took place at Jesselton on December 6.

His Excellency was riding in the vicinity of Government House. The horse, a fine one recently obtained from Singapore, was somewhat frothy, but His Excellency, who was a splendid horseman, had it well in hand as he rode down the carriage drive which leads to the railway. Sergeant-Major Chanda Singh, passing on his way from parade, was the only spectator of what happened. He saw the horse plunge, and the Governor was thrown. He blew his whistle and ran to the spot. Mr. and Mrs. Corbetta, hearing the whistle, at once came down from their house. It was only too apparent that His Excellency had died from the force of the fall, the cause of which was seen to be due to the broken straps which fastened the girths to the saddle. Dr. McGrigor, District Surgeon, was immediately sent for, and stated that the Governor had been killed instantaneously. His body was taken to Government House. The terrible news spread quickly, and at 4.30 p.m. a large concourse of people gathered at Government House to join in the funeral procession. All Government Officers and planters who

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could get to Jesselton in time, came to pay their last respects to the dead Governor, who had only returned the day previous from a tour of inspection in the Interior. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, and bearing His Excellency's sword and helmet, was placed in the drawing-room of Government House, covered with beautiful wreaths. The first part of the burial service was read by the Chaplain, Rev. F. W. Leggatt, and the coffin was then borne out by Native Officers of the Constabulary, and placed upon a gun carriage.

The procession to the Cemetery was headed by two Companies of the Constabulary, under the command of Captain Bond, Acting Commandant, and then followed the firing party in charge of the Adjutant, Mr. Reeves. Mrs. Scott Mason followed the Governor to his last resting place, supported by the Hon'ble the Government Secretary, Mr. F. W. Fraser, the Hon'ble Mr. A. C. Corbetta, and Mrs. Corbetta.

The long line of mourners, representative of every class and creed in the country, completed the procession. As the cemetery was approached, the first minute gun boomed its sad note over the hills, and the band played the funeral march. With all the solemn ceremony of a military funeral, the body of His Excellency James Scott Mason, was reverently laid in its last resting place.

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LITERATURE AND SIN.

We do not remember having heard of the Reverend G. Armstrong Bennetts before, but he seems to be a man great among the Methodists and, just now, according to a Home paper, he has been seeking after notoriety by laying down the law on the evils, not only of current fiction, but of poetry and plays which, in our blindness, we had always regarded as belonging to the world's classics. "A great many novels are not fit to be touched with a pair of tongs," is one of the conclusions at which this gentleman has arrived at. But we knew that already, and have no quarrel with him on that score; though, when he says that many six shilling novels that are dirty books were penned by great writers, we feel inclined to protest, because we dislike the word "many" here; had the preacher said "one or two" we would not have cavilled.

Then we come to the real gem, for "Mr. Bennetts said he had been amazed, when going into certain Christian homes, to find a complete copy of Byron's works. When a boy he had read one of Byron's works, and he would give worlds if he had never read the beastly trash. No man could read the work referred to, and certain portions of Shakespeare, without having the trail of the serpent in his mind as long as he lived." Perhaps the matter is hardly worth arguing about or commenting on, but we wonder what sort of mind such a man as this can have. Why does he single out poor, hapless Byron? Possibly because he never heard of Shelley. Had our dissenting friend confined himself to the general statement that, in the literature of every period and of every country, there are passages which are best kept from youngsters, one could have agreed with him. Truly a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. If Mr. Bennetts will devote a few years to the careful study of the classical dramatists, he may learn that there is a reason for all things and that an author is not to blame for the evil which prurient-minded persons choose to read into his work. But, as we have said, the matter is hardly worth arguing about. If our friend had any sense of humour or of proportion he would see that what applies to Shakespeare also applies to the writings of (say) John Bunyan as well as to those of many of the well-known seventeenth century divines, both Anglican and non-conformist. He may not be aware that some of Martin Luther's remarks are very far from being mental food which one would set before one's children; but, as a preacher, he must surely know that the Bible—over the circulation of which he and his friends are so zealous—also contains situations which can scarcely be regarded as desirable for a child's reading. When that child comes to manhood he will realise that such Biblical passages are all lines in the world's great story of good and evil; and—unless he comes under the influence of persons of Mr. Bennetts's mental calibre—he will probably realise the same thing where the dramatists and the poets are concerned.

British Rule in the East.

Pope Pius, XIII. in his address to the Cardinals yesterday, expressed what we believe to be the prevailing idea throughout the continent, as to British rule in India. His Holiness is reported as having remarked that the attempt on the Viceroy was doubly painful "in view of the splendid work of the English in India, and the justice and strength of their Government." It is, unhappily, only among Englishmen of a certain sort—and among Orientals who listen to them, or to the distributers of their own agitators—that any other opinion is held. Continental on-lookers are able to contrast the interminable patience of the British Government, in its dealings with natives, with their own great readiness to punish; and the shrewder and more generous among them at once recognise and admit that only a really powerful Empire like our own dare indulge in the luxury of such a patience.

The Boycott.

It is however possible to pursue the patient policy to such lengths as will be misconstrued, by ignorant or thoughtless natives, into weakness or pusillanimity; and this was an additional argument in favour of adopting sterner measures as regards the boycott in Hongkong. We cannot expect Cantonese new-comers to see as deeply into governmental policies as the Pope and other European potentates. What these latter know by long diplomatic experience and rigid political training, the Chinese Guilds must be taught by harsher methods; and the sooner these come into full operation—wherever they are necessary—the sooner will Hongkong's troubles be over. At the moment of writing we have not, we regret, learned that there is yet any appreciable rise in the Tramways Company's receipts from Chinese passengers.

Street noises represent one of by no means lesser evils from which the Colony of Hongkong, or rather the people who live in it, suffer. But, as with mosquitoes, cockroaches, prickly heat and a host of other annoyances with which we have to put up, in time we get inured to them. We are nevertheless glad when we see that some attempt is made to mitigate the nuisance, and for this reason Kowloon will rejoice that at length the Ordinance dealing with this question has been extended so as to bring the town district across the harbour within its provisions. Certainly the widening of the law to this effect has come none too soon. It will have been noticed that it now becomes an offence for a person to make or cause to be made any noise "calculated to disturb or interfere with the public tranquillity, or calculated to disturb or annoy any person," that is, if such noise be made between sunset and the hour of six in the following morning. We would that the clause operated at all hours of the day and night, for in Kowloon especially these days, with the ever-constant screech of the building contractor's wheelbarrow and the raucous cries of street hawkers, the peninsula is certainly no paradise to the quiet housewife who has to stand the racket while her hubby is far better off at his office or store on the island. Talk about some of the day-time noises being "calculated to disturb or annoy any person,"—they are almost enough to make angels weep.

Theatrical Possibilities. A return may be made to the matter of a Playgoers Society in Hongkong if only to remark that Shanghai is going strong ahead with the matter. The formal opening of the premises took place the other day and Mr. Allan Wilkie addressed the meeting. Sir Haviland de Saumarez, who acted as chairman, put his finger on the spot when he observed that theatrical managers would find that in the Society they had a definite source of information as to the possibilities of Shanghai; and the Society, on the other hand, would be able to tell the managers what Shanghai wanted. Precisely the same could be done for Hongkong by a Society which would be able to do a great work in breaking down the distinction between East and West in matters theatrical. Its task would be made the easier that the breaking down has already begun.

DAY BY DAY.

Life is short—avoid causing quarrels.

Coal Cargo.

The s.s. Tsuru Maru, from Miike, brought 3,200 tons of coal here for the M.B.K.

Dog Killed.

We learn that a large dog was run over and killed on the Peak Tramway near May Road this morning.

German Mail Delivered.

The German Mail despatched from Hongkong on November 27th was delivered in London on Christmas Eve.

Heavy Monsoon.

The s.s. Nile which arrived yesterday, encountered an extremely heavy monsoon on the way from Manila.

Mr. Moroni.

Mr. V. Moroni, who is the superintendent caterer for the whole of the Pacific Mail Ships, was a passenger, by the Nile.

Sepoy Missing.

It has been reported by an officer at Lai Chi Kok that a sepoy of the 25th Punjab has been missing since eight o'clock on the 24th.

A Lady's Loss.

A lady residing at the Hongkong Hotel has reported to the police that whilst riding in a public ricksha in Connaught Road she lost a diamond ring valued at \$100.

Owner Wanted.

A Chinese was remanded by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of 125 lbs of copper, originally a lightning conductor. The police are anxious to find an owner for the property.

The Snatcher.

A man who snatched a bundle of silk clothing from a Chinese arriving from the midnight steamer from Canton, was captured and brought up at the Police Court, this morning. He was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

Bodies Found.

The body of an old man living in Kowloon City has been found in a decomposed condition in a house in that locality. The body of a Chinese male child, two weeks old, has been found in Cook street. A constable arrested a woman for dumping there.

Fell into Harbour.

A man has been removed to the Kwong Wo hospital suffering from the effects of falling into the Harbour whilst sitting on the Praya at Yau-mat. He was rescued by three Chinese boatmen and the accountant of the steam launch Bailey and the coxswain of the steam launch Che Wo.

THE BOYCOTT.

A Quiet Christmas.

No special event happened in connection with the boycott during the Christmas season. The cars continue to be deserted for the most part.

One of the Chinese merchants who attended the meeting at Government House last week gave it as his opinion this morning that the boycott does not lie at the door of the trade guilds but at that of private agitators and agitators. In his view, the merchants would be the last to encourage the boycott, as much as, since it began, their custom has already fallen off considerably.

In regard to the causes of the boycott and of its continuance, he considered that, had longer given as to the change been given, less trouble would have arisen. Many people, at the beginning, felt affronted at having their money point-blank refused if they happened to be without Hongkong coin, and were too narrow to see that it was no worse for them than for a European. A point on which he laid some stress was the employment of soldiers in uniform as special constables along the route.

"The sight of them frightens many of the more timid Chinese who, under ordinary circumstances, would use the cars," he said. "They think that there is danger of mob violence at any moment or the soldiers would not be there. If instead the specials had been in civilian dress, with nothing to distinguish them, I believe that many more people would be using the cars."

CHRISTMAS DAY.

How It was Celebrated in Hongkong.

Hongkong celebrated Christmas Day quietly but none the less merrily. The weather was rather dull and cold, the cool snap being quite seasonable. There was very little organised sport, the cricket match on the Club ground and the American Rugby football at the Polo Ground being the only fixtures of note. Many people, however, indulged in tennis and golf; while trips into the country were made by quite a number of residents, it being an ideal day for walking. Several of the vessels in port had their masts tipped with fir branches, giving them quite a seasonable appearance. There were the usual Church services, quite a number of dinner parties were given, the hotels draw large gatherings with their special bills of fare, and the cinematograph shows had special Christmas features. All in all, it was a happy day well spent.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.

The service at St. John's Cathedral was exceptionally well attended yesterday morning when the sacred edifice was filled. The previous day a band of willing workers had been hard at work with flowers and greenery, and the interior of the church presented a most pleasing spectacle, worked out as it was in white and red flowers. His Excellency Sir Henry May, Lady May and family were present and the attendance included most of the well-known people of the Colony.

The music which was well rendered by the choir included Stanford's Te Deum in B flat, Gadsby's anthem "Sing O, daughter of Zion" and Adlam's Kyrie in F.

The sermon was preached by the Chaplain of the Cathedral, the Rev. V. H. C. Moyle who chose his text from Luke Chap 2, v. 12 "Wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

The preacher remarked that no human mind could fully grasp the Incarnation, for in it it was seen that the Almighty Creator who made the world and everything in it, Himself took hold of the nature which he had created and became one of the human race which he also made. The Incarnation was not more astonishing in its awfulness than gracious in its loving kindness. By it, God had given his son to be the Redeemer of the world which he created, and it was through Jesus Christ that perfect man and perfect God had made God known to the human race. However useful the knowledge of the world might be in its own sphere, at no time, under no conditions, and among no people had wisdom alone been able to make God known to his fellow men.

The collection was taken on behalf of the Diocesan Girls' School for which a special appeal was made by the preacher. He said that the funds were in need of help because special appeals had been made for building funds which had encroached upon the ordinary income.

The Catholic Cathedral.

At the Midnight Mass at the Catholic Cathedral on Christmas Eve, every seat was occupied and some two or three hundred people stood in the aisles. The building was prettily decorated and a very artistic creche was arranged in one of the chapels. The Pontifical High Mass was most impressive, though somewhat marred by the indifferent quality of the music. It is matter for surprise that the mother church of a vast Catholic community like that of Hongkong can so seldom give its frequenters good singing. The sanctuary choir always acquits itself well on these occasions, but it is with great regret that we observe that the boys in the organ-loft choral quite unusual notions as to tune and time.

Church of St. Joseph.

The 10 o'clock Mass Cantata at St. Joseph's yesterday morning was so well attended that all the standing space at the end of the church was occupied. The mass music was exceedingly fine, especially the rendering of the Offertory piece "Adeste Fideles." After mass the Bishop gave the Papal blessing, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed.

Church of the Rosary.

When Midnight Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Spada, at the Church of the Rosary, Kowloon, on Christmas Eve, the church bore all the ornamental indications of the season. The edifice was prettily laid out with flowers and palms, whilst the altar was flooded with light from numerous candles and electric bulbs. The little church was packed to the very doors, and the musical service was of an excellent character.

"DAN THE NEWSBOY."

Excellent Stage Work by Children at Taikeo.

The excellence of our adult amateur actors is now so well-known to us, that it is no surprise to find such excellent stage work as was displayed by children at the Taikeo Club, on Tuesday. Six scenes and thirty performers figured on the programme, from which facts it is easy to gather the amount of hard work that must have been put into the show by the elders in charge.

The story of "Dan the Newsboy" tells of the adventures of a newsboy in Eijuntown who, being befriended by the nephew of the Laird of Cockpen rises to a prominent position in the latter's firm, after stirring adventures in China with a bundle of papers given him to deliver to an agent.

Dan was portrayed by Master J. Grimshaw, who sustained an arduous part well. Masters H. Young and F. Young, as the Laird of Cockpen and Duncan Gray, his nephew, were both good, as was also Master J. Goard as Jing Bang a strolling player. Master T. Smith as a diminutive policeman caused roars of laughter at each appearance he made. Miss D. Hardwick took the part of Jeanie Gray and Miss D. Dickson that of Polly in quite an effective manner, while Misses K. Hardwick and M. McIntyre also did well.

The singing of the youngsters was uniformly good, and two dances, with flowers and ribbons respectively were most pleasing. Great credit is due to the following who were responsible for the production:—

Directors:—Mr. R. Dickson; Mrs. J. Mitchell; Mistress of the Robes: Mrs. Grimshaw; Mrs. Farrel; Pianist: Mrs. J. Weir; Stage Manager, Mr. Grimshaw; Treasurer, Mr. J. Weir.

The following was the cast:—Dan an orphan, Master J. Grimshaw; The Laird of Cockpen principal partner in the firm of Massey Watkie & Co. wholesale tea dealers, Master H. Young; Duncan Gray nephew to the Laird of Cockpen and cashier in the firm Master F. Young; Pedy Legit a traveller to the firm Master B. Templeton; Inky McQuill a clerk in the office Master P. Smith; Jeanie Gray sister to Duncan Miss D. Hardwick; Charlie Duncan's little brother Master W. Hardwick; Polly his little sister Miss D. Dickson; Mistress Jean the housekeeper at Claver's Ha' Miss K. Hardwick; Jenny Nettles keeper of fruit and flower stall Miss R. Mitchell; Bessie Lee a domestic servant Miss R. Dickson; Kirsty, Myrie, Phomy, Fisher Girls Miss P. Templeton; Miss K. Anderson; Miss A. Dickson; Policeman A. J. well known constable of Eijuntown, Master T. Smith; Jing Bang manager of strolling company Master J. Goard; Shampoo, Sooki, Soo, his troupe Master N. Drummond; Miss G. Hill; Wishie Washie, Kow Chow, Tung Lung, Leeri Law, Wagati Wa, Darsie No, Keeki Bo, Chookie Chang dancers Miss N. Ferguson; Miss D. Goard; Miss B. Hardwick; Miss O. Polley; Miss N. Smith; Miss I. Simpson; Miss B. Ferguson; Bill, Jim, Bob, Ned, newsboys Master W. Scott; Master A. Goard; Master B. Booth.

CHIEF OFFICER'S DEATH.

Peter Johansen, a native of Germany, Chief Officer of the s.s. Potobaburi, according to the police report, met his death yesterday on board his vessel, by a bullet wound in the head, alleged to have been self-inflicted.

"PEACE ON EARTH."

Some Thoughts on a Seasonable Subject.

This Christmas all the newspapers and all the preachers will utter the same platitudes: that the world has heard ever since newspapers and preachers—or preachers and newspapers, to place the two in chronological order—have existed. The world—that good old patient world that has listened to so much that is trite and twaddling and obvious, in its time—will have to hear, as usual, that men and things are not what they were, that England is going to the dogs, and that that state of peace on Earth for which the return of Christmas sets us all longing, is farther off than ever.

Every orator and every paper will single out such events as the Balkan War, the Chinese Revolution, the parliamentary and industrial disturbances at Home, and a score of similar events, to back up the argument that, after all, there is not peace on earth; and the majority will go so far as to show that peace is even farther off than ever; that 1912 has been the worst year in the history of Christendom.

No Change.

As one gets older, one grows rather tired of this sort of talk. The man who, in his lumbering passage through life, (the passage of all of us is lumbering) keeps his eyes open, gradually realises that the world is no better and no worse at Christmas 1912 than it was at Christmas 1112. Wars and rumours of wars, the triumph of greed, the predisposition on the part of the weaker to go to the wall, are all just as apparent today as they were five or ten or twenty centuries ago. But not more so. Entire peace on earth is just as impossible now as it was last year or in the nineteenth, eighteenth or eighth century, for the reason that human nature has not changed in that time.

It is as bad to be too optimistic as to go to lengths in the other direction. Man can do no more than struggle on towards better things, and the extremes of optimism or of pessimism will not help him; rather will they hinder him, for both are calculated to distort his views of truth and of life. Whatever there may be in the next world, in this there is nothing and nobody that is wholly good or wholly bad, and between even the moderately good and the indifferent bad we are apt to get woefully mixed. Our best friends often prove our enemies (that the saying might be fulfilled, "Save me from my friends!") while those who fain would injure us are often unwittingly doing us some remarkably good turns. And with circumstances it is the same as with individuals: those grand "opportunities" that crop up in the life of every man so often end by being the worst evils that could have befallen him, while the accidents, and mishaps, and bad breaks, and streaks of rotten luck, turn out to have been his salvation.

The Happy Mean.

From all of which it would appear that the wise man will choose the middle path between the pessimistic and the optimistic outlooks, and will wend his stumbling way, as aforesaid, lumbering—way through life, expecting neither too much nor too little; kicking out of his path as many as possible of those beautiful ideals which will surely lead him astray should he venture to cultivate them. Here a healthy negativism should help him. Instead, for instance, of going out of his course to "do good," he would really be far better occupied in seeking to do as little harm as possible; most of the trouble in the world is caused by good people who, in seeking to make well better, render bad worse.

Helping Lame Dogs.

There is not peace on earth, and there never has been, what will be, is another matter; it's up to every man to try to bring it about. The final establishment of that peace is mainly in the hands of High God, but man has to co-operate; and this he will best do, not by running out of his way to find the lame dogs whom he so longs to help, but just by helping those that lie in his road or at his own door; there are plenty of them.

A SYMPOSIUM:

Varying Views of Uncertain Accuracy on Christmas.

The interviews which follow are contributed by a gentleman who does not vouch for their absolute accuracy. They claim to present certain views of Christmas supplied by people who have not before been interviewed:—

Master John Johnson, Aged 10.

Had no use for Christmas—not since the previous day. Was much more concerned about the questions of corporal punishment and whether fathers knew their own strength.

"I'm not denying that I was in the wrong," said Master Johnson (nature of fault not disclosed), "but it wasn't for what I did that I was whipped."

"What was wrong?"

"I simply happened to be about when the old man's lace broke and he was in a hurry. They say only children are lucky. I have my doubts. I'm either being spoiled by mother—she doesn't know it, but I do—or I'm acting as a safety valve for the old man when his got a bit of a liver on. Now, I ask you—"

"Yes, yes. But what of Christmas?"

"What are you?"

Master Johnson shifted uneasily for the tenth time in three minutes.

"I can't sit properly," he said.

"Ask me in a few days. Just now Christmas seems all rot. That good-will stunt won't wash with me."

(Written down as "doubtful.")

The Amah.

Aged 50; savvys everything, except what you wish her to savvy at the moment. Said she had not time to speak "this morning till this afternoon," but talked steadily all the time.

"I think so Christmas belong good, but too much toy. Small piece baby he catches drum; make too much noise. I think so master he angry; he swear. Two piece baby too much noise. One piece have got drum; one piece have got trumpet, all same—looksee!"

(Blows trumpet; "small piece," boy supplements with drum effect.)

Man's voice from inner regions:—

(Apparently from bed):—

"Will you keep those youngsters quiet, amah? How often have I to tell you that?"

Amah (shrilly):—"My no can Small piece boy he catches drum. Suppose no make noise, he cry. More better you catch other piece toy; no make noise. Drum no belong proper; trumpet no belong proper."

Amah (muttering):—"I think so he no savvy Christmas. No belong Christian—belong Pagan. Two muchee swear. Meesies sometimes belong Christian." Stumps towards the bedroom, calls: "Meesies, Meesies!"

Male and female voices:—

"Will you (I told you)"—and so on.

Amah (returging):—"Two piece belong Pagan."

(Written down as "for")

The Cook.

"Christmas no good, too muchee eat." Became rather rambling here, but we gathered that he was expected to perform miracles in the way of producing food for dropping-in visitors and anticipated awkward questions, at the end of the month, when the comradore's account came in. Recalled last Christmas regretfully. Cooked for three men—then—plenty squeeze, cooks for one missus now (master of no account apparently) and secures no squeeze.

(Cannot judge Christmas on its merits)

The Sporting Youth.

"All I have to say is that I wish I were at home. Pantomimes, you know, football matches."

"But Christmas has a religious significance, which"

"Oh, I say, come off! What's the good of being sentimental? If you can talk of Manchester United, or Alf Wiggles, or something worth talking about, I'm on. I'll lay you two to one I'll come nearer naming the leader of the English League table, at the end of the Christmas matinee, than you will. There! Tell you what, though: I almost wish Christmas came in summer out here. Then one could get a full day's hunting."

What do you hunt, then?"

"Butterflies."

(More or less for)

The man of experience. "My views on Christmas? The only view, I take nowadays is that the best kind of Christmas is a clear head on the morning of Boxing day. Christmas in Hongkong is like Christmas at home—whether it is pleasant or the reverse depends mainly on yourself."

(Strongly For)

THE WRONG NOTE.

Lender Who Gave \$100 Instead of \$5.

A Chinese asked a friend of his in West Point, for the loan of five dollars. His friend was so anxious to oblige him that he thrust his hand hastily into his pocket pulled out a note and smilingly obliged the temporarily embarrassed one. Later, in going through his exchequer, the generous individual found that he had given a \$100 note in mistake for the \$5. He sought and found his "friend." On approaching the latter he said "Give me that note back, will you?" "Certainly," replied the friend tendering him a \$5 bill very promptly. "This is not the note I gave you," said the injured one.

An altercation followed and finally the receiver was brought to the station. Inspector Dymond asked him to explain the affair but he would not give an acceptable explanation and he was detained. Next morning two lady friends of the defendant admitted he had given them \$30 and \$85 respectively to mind for him. This made \$35, and \$5 found on the defendant, the hundred.

At the Police Court, this morning the defendant was charged with the larceny of \$100, and was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment and four hours stocks.

HONGKONG CATHOLICS' GIFT.

The Catholic Community of Hongkong will be glad to learn that their gifts (in gold, jewellery & precious stones) made to the Hongkong Cathedral on the occasion of the Rev. Fr. Lynch's Missions, have now been transformed into a beautiful Menstrance for the Blessed Sacrament, in Italy.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni brought this magnificent masterpiece of art from Milan on his arrival here early this month. The Menstrance will be inaugurated for public exposition of "Forty Hours" during the days of 30th, 31st instant and 1st January 1913 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

THE CLEVELAND.

The Hamburg-American Liner "Cleveland" arrived on Tuesday, on her round-the-world cruise, with 380 passengers on board.

The passengers express themselves as delighted with the voyage, although the weather from Manila to Hongkong was decidedly bad. The Cleveland ran into a heavy monsoon that made it most uncomfortable for "all hands."

Yesterday forty-two of the passengers went to Canton, and this morning the remainder went to the Peak. This afternoon and tomorrow morning will be spent in train rides; and the Cleveland leaves to-morrow afternoon.

A passenger, Mr. Watson, died on the 20th, of apoplexy. With the exception of this sad occurrence the voyage has been devoid of accidents.

ONLY TWO "PEGS."

Pauline Gossamer of the U.S.S. Pathfinder, was, according to a story told to Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, drunk and disorderly in Yaumati last night and was brandishing a dangerous knife at people in the street. He was arrested and charged by Inspector Cameron.

The boatwain of the ship said the race to which the defendant belonged was not a drinking one, and a very small amount of alcoholic drink would be responsible for causing the defendant to behave in the extraordinary manner which the police deposed.

Defendant said he had had two "pegs" of whisky, only.

His Worship fined him \$5.

LOCAL SPORTS.

CRICKET.

An interesting two days' match started yesterday morning on the Hongkong C. O. ground between the home club and the United Services Recreation Club. Only one innings was completed yesterday, the visitors going to the wicket which was in excellent condition and putting together 134 for the innings. The honours in batting were shared by Lt Smith and Major Bowen each of whom secured 29. Bowling for the home team Anderson took two wickets for sixteen runs. Batting to-day, Hongkong carried their overnight score of 92 for 0 to 388 for 10, being all out shortly before tiffin. The scores were as follow:—

U. S. R. C.

Capt. Crawford, c R. Hancock	b Bird	...	0
Capt. Robertson, c Bird	b	...	1
Dodwell	...	...	1
E. R. A. Poole, b Dodwell	...	...	11
Lt. E. Smith, c Pearce, b	...	...	29
Dodwell	...	...	29
Corpl. Dempsey, stpd Hancock,	b Bird	...	5
Major Bowen, b Bird	...	...	29
C. P. O'Neill, c T. Thursfield	b Bird	...	13
Lt. Hutton, b Bird	...	...	12
Lt. Bagnall, c Thursfield, b	...	...	9
Anderson	...	...	18
Lt. White, c Bird, b Anderson	...	...	0
Rev. Hastings no out	...	...	7
Extras	...	...	134

Bowling Analysis.

Bird	...	21	2	70	5
Dodwell	...	15	3	41	3
Anderson	...	51	0	10	2

Hongkong.

T. E. Pearce, c Bagnall, b	Dempsey	...	82
A. C. E. Elborough, c Bowen, b Dempsey	...	...	48
A. A. Claxton, b Dempsey	...	...	14
S. H. Dodwell, stpd Neill, b Bowen	...	...	0
R. Hancock, b Dempsey	...	...	121
Stephenson-Jellie, b White	...	...	13
H. Hancock, c Robertson, b Dempsey	...	...	13
J. S. Lloyd, c White, b Hastings	...	...	26
P. W. Anderson, lbw, b White	...	...	27
R. P. Thursfield, b Bagnall	...	...	17
R. E. O. Bird, not out	...	...	17
Extras	...	...	24
Total	...	...	388

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.				
Hastings	...	22	3	61
White	...	16	0	96
Dempsey	...	2	5	137
Hutton	...	25	0	17
Bagnall	...	6.1	0	24
Bowen	...	2	0	29

AMERICAN RUGBY.

The game that was played yesterday on the Polo grounds between two eleven of the U.S.S. Wilmington, was watched by a large number of spectators who, it seemed from their expressions of astonishment, saw the American game for the first time.

From the American point of view the game was an exceedingly good one, the playing of the "grays" being well up to collegiate form, and their men in good condition.

The "grays" won, with a score of twelve to six.

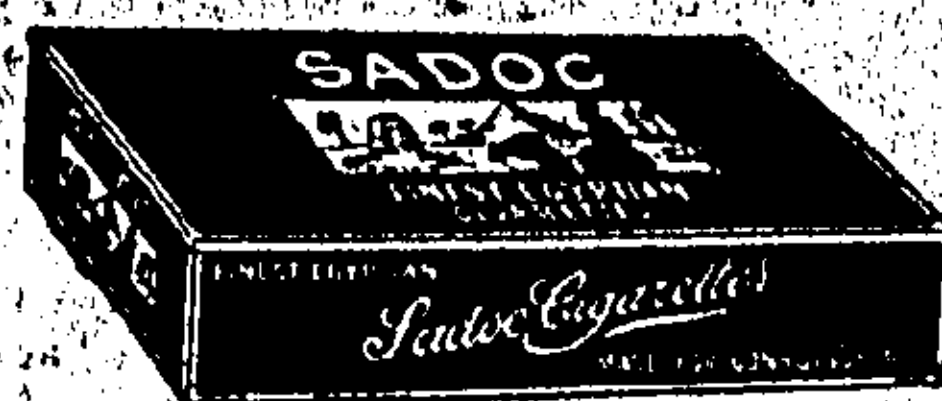
THE FORGED NOTE CASE.

At the Police Court, this morning, two more Japanese named Ki Nakazawa and Tokao Tanabe, were charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, with being concerned in the case of alleged forged banknotes.

Detective Grant said the charges against these two men were the same as that in the case of the six now awaiting trial only it applied to another date. The men, he said, came down from Japan with another large quantity of notes but on reaching Hongkong they discovered that the other men who had come down previously had been arrested and they threw the notes into the Harbour. They were recovered as the result of diving operations. The value of the notes was over \$300,000.

Mr. King, (Assistant Superintendent of Police), asked for a remand till Monday at 2-15 when the other men were to be tried; he believed both cases would be taken together and he believed Mr. Bowley, who prosecuted was prepared to go on.

The remand was granted.



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THE REPORTED CANCER CURE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—The interesting account of an alleged discovery of a cancer cure in India, reported in your issue of 8th October, is just to hand, and I should be glad if Mr. Warren could give any further particulars of the matter to this Society, which unlike many "research" institutions, is anxious to investigate any possible remedy in respect of which good evidence is forthcoming.

I would also take the opportunity to invite any of your readers who may be in a position to do so, to kindly furnish us with any reliable statistical or other data respecting the prevalence of this dread disease in Hongkong, and other parts of Asia. My Society, on the other hand, will be glad to send free to any persons enclosing stamps to cover postage, some instructions on dietetic and other habits which they have prepared for those suffering from Cancer.

Your &c.
Douglas Macmillan,
Hon. Sec.

Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer, 15 Ranelagh Road, Belgrave, London S. W.
20th November, 1912.

PORTUGUESE HOUSING SCHEME.

The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—I have been shown your valuable paper of 5th inst. in which you report the "Portuguese Housing Scheme" in Hongkong. Such news when not reproduced by the leading Shanghai papers is rarely known by the Portuguese Community of Shanghai.

It is highly satisfactory to note that Mr. Ede's scheme is now nearing an accomplished fact. I don't know Mr. Montagu Ede personally, but I have no doubt that the Portuguese Communities of Hongkong, China Japan and elsewhere will know how to appreciate Mr. Ede's generosity and kindly feelings towards the Portuguese Community of Hongkong and men of such quality are not easily found nowadays.

Undoubtedly a permanent memorial or statue would be erected in the proposed "Cidade Camoes" to commemorate the deeds of Mr. Ede. May I suggest that this takes the form of a "Marmor Aroh" or "Aro de Triunph" and be erected by public subscription.

I have no doubt when occasion presents itself the Portuguese Community of Shanghai will invite Mr. Ede to a reception in one of our clubs here in order to testify the gratitude the community feels on behalf of their Hongkong brethren.

Yours etc.
Lusitano,
Shanghai 21st December, 1912.

DON'T FORGET.

To-Night.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
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Friday, Dec. 27.
"A Trip Abroad" Ferris Hartmann Co. Theatre Royal 9.15.

Saturday, Dec. 28.
"The Girl and the Boy" Ferris Hartmann Co. Theatre Royal 9.15.

To-day's Advertisements

Public Works Department.

No. 8, 430.—The following particulars of letting by tender of certain granite quarries in the Island of Hongkong, and Kowloon and New Territories are published.

Sealed tenders, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 6th January, 1913.

Tenders must be in form which will be supplied by the Director of Public Works upon deposit of a sum of \$10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

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10	Fuk Tau Houn	4.29
11	Ngan Tau Kok	2.00

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce have this day been removed to the New Government Building (Post Office) 3rd Floor.
11 Hong, 24th Dec. 1912. [1008]

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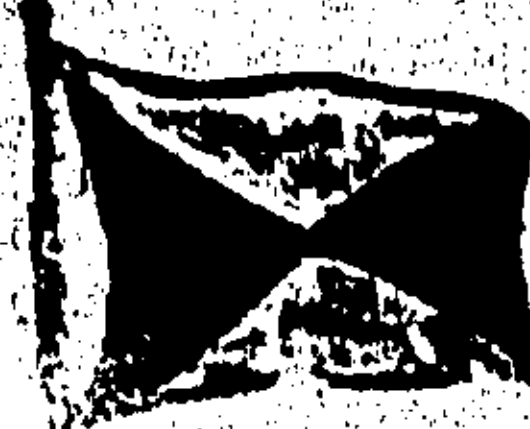
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LOG BOOK.

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Rough Time for a B.I. Boat. The following notes regarding the B.I. Teests, are contributed by a Nagapatam correspondent to the "Madras Times" of December 2.—The sea off Nagapatam has been very rough during the past few days and I hear that the passengers brought in by the B.I. mail steamer Teests were not landed here, but were sent to Madras.

On Saturday night it would appear that a coolie boat that returned with coolies from the steamer Taroba, then in port, capsized owing to boisterous weather and five coolies were drowned. So far only one body seems to have been recovered and the local police under the guidance of Mr. Ladbury, assistant superintendent of police, are keeping a watch ashore to pick up the dead bodies of the missing coolies. Besides the police enquiry into the matter, the local Port Officer also would appear to be making a very thorough enquiry into the matter, to avoid if possible similar accidents in the future.

Piecework in Shipyards. The proposal that the members of the Boilermakers' Society should cease working piecework until an advance of 4 per cent. is conceded to the riveting squads—so that they in turn may be able to grant an advance to the holders—up—is to come before a conference between the executive council of the society and a committee of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, says the "Times". The employers have already declined to grant the advance, but a vote of the members of the society has shown 4,316 for and 1,914 against the course which is now proposed, out of a total membership of 60,353. It is considered very unlikely that the employers will grant the advance, and a reversion to time rates, in the present busy condition of the yards, is almost, if not quite, impracticable. Much less work would be done, additional men could not be obtained, less money would be earned, and the employers would be heavily handicapped in their efforts to give prompt delivery of war vessels.

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LOG BOOK.

Fire Extinction in Ships.

A paper by Mr. E. Kilburn Scott, on "The Use of Gases on Ships for Fire Extinction and Fumigation," was read before the Institute of Marine Engineers, recently and in it he described the Rich, Gronwald, Clayton, and Harker systems. The methods of extinguishing fires on board ship, he said, included (1) closing the hatches; (2) flooding the holds with water; (3) blowing in steam; (4) blowing in an inert gas such as (a) carbon dioxide gas, (b) sulphur dioxide gas, or (c) flue gas. Closing the hatches was seldom really effective, because air usually leaked into the hold in sufficient quantity to keep the fire alive, and even when the flames were extinguished there was great danger of the fire breaking out again when the hatches were opened. By reason of the latent heat of steam a large amount of heat could be quickly absorbed by evaporating water, but of course much water might be poured in without any of it reaching the seat of the fire. When the water did reach the fire the volume of steam given off acted in two ways—(a) by absorbing heat in its vaporization; (b) by filling the hold and so displacing air. The principal objections to water were that it might seriously damage the cargo and endanger the stability of the vessel, while many cargoes, such as coal and grain, cotton, wool, and jute, resisted the percolation of water. Steam had the advantage that it could be quickly turned into a hold, but its value as an extinguisher depended principally on its displacing the air, and this depended on the amount of condensation. An ordinary fire received its supply of oxygen from the air, and when the oxygen content was reduced to about 15 per cent. combustion of ordinary substances ceased. When coal was burnt in a normal boiler a large part of the oxygen of the air combined with the coal, and the resulting flue gas contained only about 0 per cent. of oxygen. This flue gas was quite useless

to support combustion, and it was this gas which was used in the system due to Dr. G. Harker. Being waste gas, it cost nothing, but before turning it into the hold it had to be cleaned and cooled. A typical analysis of flue gas was: Nitrogen, 80.5 per cent.; carbon dioxide, 10.0 per cent.; carbonic oxide, 5 per cent.; and oxygen, 9.0 per cent. In the Harker apparatus a De Laval turbine or electric motor drove the fan, and a branch pipe connected to the main funnel from the boiler or to the funnel of the donkey boiler conducted the gas to the washer and cooler. After being washed the gas passed to the fan and was delivered to the gas main. Sea water was pumped into the washer and was formed into a fine spray, which extracted the soot from the gas on its way to the fan. Disinfectants could be drawn from a tank in a vaporized condition and carried along with the gas to all parts of the ship. The flue gas system undoubtedly stood first in effectiveness of operation, because the gas could be delivered into the holds at a much greater rate and the supply kept up for a longer period than with the gases used in other systems. A pure CO₂ gas supply was naturally limited to the amount carried in the steel bottles, and SO₂ gas supply was limited by the amount of raw sulphur available, also by its speed of travel in a complicated piping system. There was an important point in this connexion—namely, that, however well the hatches and ventilators were closed, there was always considerable leakage. For example, at the trials of the Fiona, fitted with the Harker system, it was found that about 500 cu. ft. of gas a minute were necessary to maintain a fire-extinguishing atmosphere in a large hold of 80,000 cu. ft. capacity. When the hold was filled with gas and the fire was under control, it might take several hours before the cargo was sufficiently cool to prevent a recurrence of the outbreak. Therefore a current of gas must be kept up so as to carry away the heat from the smouldering mass, and at the same time prevent the inlet of air. If the gas

did not reach the burning cargo in sufficient quantity to carry away the heat from the glowing mass, but simply filled up the hold, the effect was the same as if the hatches were shut down, except that the flames disappeared more quietly. In all probability, however, the fire would break out again when the hatch covers were removed. Although no flames were visible, the centre of the burning cargo might be still glowing. The heat from this smouldering mass must be carried away before it was safe to admit air to the hold, and the passage of large volumes of cool extinguishing gas was the most effective way. It was this ability to pour any quantity of gas into the hold that made the Harker system valuable. Flue gas was always ready, and all that was required was to start the fan and turn on the water to the washer. No damage to cargo or hull resulted from the use of CO₂ gas, whereas sulphur dioxide gas and steam were distinctly objectionable from this point of view. All the Harker machines were built to deliver 1,500 cu. ft. of flue gas a minute. For an ordinary sized cargo boat this would require, say, 7 h.p., and the apparatus would cost, say, \$350. A similar sum would probably be required for the 4 in. and 6 in. diameter

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do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January
do	Chenan	B. & S.	26 December
do	Linan	B. & S.	28 December
do	Choysang	J. M. & Co.	29 December
do	India	P. & O. Co.	2 Jan., about

To Sail

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Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912. [537]

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The Mexican government has
agreed to indemnify 25 Ameri-
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the operations of the insurgents,
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The above steamer of 5,687 tons
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A number of vacant first class berths
are available at moderate rates, and
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Hongkong 12th Nov. 1912. [544]

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
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THE Steamship

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MOVEMENTS OF
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For	Vessel
Haiphong,	Sungkiang.
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru,
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 24th inst., and is ex-
pected on the 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru,
left Hongkong for San Francisco
via usual ports of call on Saturday
the 21st inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru,
left Honolulu for Yokohama on
the 19th inst., and is due here on
the 9th January.

FRENCH

The s.s. Ernest Simons will not
leave Shanghai before the 25th
inst. and is expected to arrive here
on the 28th inst.

The M.M. s.s. Ernest Simons,
with the outward French mail,
will leave for Europe on the 28th
inst., at 7 p.m.

The M.M. s.s. Caledonien, with
the outward French mail, will
leave for Europe on the 31st inst.,
at 1 p.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig,
carrying the German mails with
dates from Berlin of the 29th ult.,
left Singapore Saturday the
21st inst., at 8 p.m. and may be
expected here on or about Thurs-
day the 26th inst., at night.

The I. G. M. s.s. Yorck, which
left here on the 27th ult. at 10 a.m.
arrived at Genoa on the 23rd inst.
at 7 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans,
from Sydney, left Port Darwin on
the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila
and Hongkong.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern, left
Sydney on the 18th inst. for this
port via Queensland and ports,
Port Darwin and Manila.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig,
which left here on the 30th
ult., arrived at Sydney on the
24th inst. at 7 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from
New York on the 24th ult., for
Far East, via the Straits.

The str. Kansas, passed the
Suez Canal on the 3rd December,
and is due here on or about 3rd
January.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblentz, left
Sydney on the 14th inst., at 11
a.m., and may be expected here
on or about 6th January.

The s.s. Fitz Clarence, sailed
from Moji on the 21st inst., and is
expected to arrive here on the
26th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 2nd January and is
expected here on the 18th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 2nd January and is
expected here on the 18th January.

The s.s. Glenroy, passed the
Suez Canal on the 20th inst., for
Hongkong via Straits.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Walde-
mar, left Yokohama on the 20th
inst., at 10 p.m., and may be ex-
pected here on or about 27th inst.,
a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Sunda, left
Singapore for this port on the 23rd
inst., at 8.30 a.m., and is due here
on the 30th inst., at about 8 a.m.

The American & Manchurian
Line s.s. Kansas, left Sabang on
the 22nd inst., and is due here on
or about 30th inst., p.m.

The s.s. Pathan, arrived at
Boston on the 20th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Cheongshing,
from Chin-wantao, is due at Hong-
kong on the 28th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Fooksang,
from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong
on the 2nd January.

The Indra Line s.s. Indramayo,
from New York, is due at Hong-
kong on the 31st inst. She left
Sebang, on the 20th inst.

The B. I. S. N. s.s. Fultal, from
Rangoon, is due at Hongkong on
the 5th January.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers:

Anping, Chi. s.s., 1,412, MacKin-
non, 23rd Dec.—Canton
22nd Dec., Gen.—C. M.
N. Co.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,911, R.
Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.—
Shanghai 19th Dec., Gen.—
N. Y. K.

Banri Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,360, Y.
Masa, 22nd Dec.—Sour-
abaya 11th Dec., Sugar.—
D. & Co.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Semblil,
24th Dec.—Sandakan
28th Dec., Timber—M. &
Co.

Elger, Nor. s.s., 1,875, E. Fingal-
sen, 22nd Dec.—Haf-
slund and Hoihow 21st
Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940,
A. Bailey, 21st Dec.—
Vancouver, B.C., 28th
Nov., Mail & Gen.—O.
P. R. Co.

Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,066, C. An-
dersen, 21st Dec.—Bang-
kok and Hoihow 20th
Dec., Gen.—Chinese.

Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,134, Lewis,
22nd Dec.—Canton 21st
Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask,
24th Dec.—Manila 21st
Dec., Hemp and Gen.—
J. M. & Co.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,320, Wawn, 5th
Dec.—Saigon 22nd Nov.
Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Ockley, Br. s.s., 2,928, R. W. Bar-
rett, 23rd Dec.—Seattle,
U.S.A. 4th Nov., Gen.—
B. L.

Petchaburi, Br. s.s., 1,372, Gose-
wisch, 19th Dec.—Sour-
abaya 8th Dec., Sugar.—
J. C. J. L.

Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, H. G.
Reher, 22nd Dec.—Saigon
20th Dec., Rice—B. & S.

Shibetoro Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,890,
T. Miyata, 23rd Dec.—
Moji 17th Dec., Coal—M.
B. K.

Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,780, Payne,
18th Dec.—Java 5th Dec.
Sugar—J. M. & Co.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,374, A. W. Outer-
bridge, 20th Dec.—
Manila 17th Dec., Gen.—
B. & S.

Thongwa, Br. s.s., 3,428, R. F.
Fysh, 24th Dec.—Kobe
and Moji 20th Dec., Gen.—
D. S. & Co.

Wingsang, Br. s.s., 1,510, Lish-
man, 21st Dec.—Chin-
kang 30th Dec., Gen.—
J. M. & Co.

Zafiro, Am. s.s., 1,024, T. S. W.
Murray, 24th Dec.—
Manila 21st Dec., To-
kio 20th Dec., S. T. & Co.

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Ball, Mr. and Laroque, L. E.	Mrs. F. B. Lowrie, S.
Barberini, E. T.	MacGregor, N.
Bargmann, F.	Mc.
Baring, M.	MacKenzie, A.
Bate, E. R.	MacLennan, D.
Beale, E. L.	G.
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Belilos, Mrs. E.	and Mrs. Nell.
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Bena, G. A.	and Mrs. F. C.
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Blanch, Mr. and Matheson, Mrs.	Mrs. N. F. T. and
Bradford, Miss	child.
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Buechner, O.	Mehta, K. B.
Campbell, A.	Meerki, J.
Challin, Harry	McDonoughly
Chalkley, Mr. &	D. C.
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Denison, O. G.	Palma, Miss B.
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Grimshaw, R. J.	Webb, Mr. and
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Cuddy, E. A.	Scott, J. A.
Dorey, S. H.	Short, A.
Evans, Geo.	Vergiete
Hoges, B. F.	Wheatley, M.
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O.	Woodward.
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Benson, W.	Mrs.
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Brucker, O.	Parker, E.
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Hongkong, December 19, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Butcher Meat.	
Beef Sirloin & Prime Out, - Mei Lung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned, - Ham Ngau Yuk	" 18
" Roast, - Shiu	" 18
" Breast, - Ngau Lam	" 12
" Soup, - Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak, - Ngau Yuk Pa	" 18
" do. - Sirloin Cotom - Ngau Lau	" 20
" Sausages, - Ngau Chaug	" 28
Bullock's Brains, - Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh, - Ngau Li	each 45
" corned, - Ham Ngau Li	" 55
" Head, - Ngau Tan	" 12
" Heart, - Ngau Sum	" 15
" Hump, Salt, - Ngau Kin	" 8
" Feet, - Ngau Kask	" 9
" Kidneys, - Ngau Yi	" 18
" Tail, - Ngau Mei	" 17
" Liver, - Ngau Kon	" 5
" Tripe (undressed), - Ngau To	" 25
Calve Head & Feet, - Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, - Young Poi Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg, - Young Poi	" 25
" Shoulder, - Young Shau	" 22
Pigs Chidlings, - Chu Chong	" 24
" Brains, - Chu Know	perfect 22
" Feet, - Chu Kark	lb. 12
" Fry, - Chu Chak	" 30
" Head, - Chu Tau	" 18
" Heart, - Chu Sum	each 10
" Kidneys, - Chu Yiu	" 8
" Liver, - Chu Con	lb 30
Pork Chop, - Chu Pai Kwat	" 24
" Corned, - Ham Chu Yuk	" 25
" Leg, - Chu Pa	" 22
" Fat or Lard, - Chu Yau	set 85
Sheep Head and Feet, - le Tau Kark	each 7
" Heart, - Young Sum	" 9
" Kidneys, - Young Yiu	" 25
" Liver, - Young Con	" 22
Smoking Pigs, To Order - Chu Cha	" 18
Suet, Beef - Sang Ngau Yau	" 25
" Mutton, - Sang Young Yau	" 18
Veal, - Ngau Chai Yuk	" 28
" Sausages, - Ngau Chai Chaug	" 28

POULTRY.

Poultry.	
Chicken, - Kai Chai	lb 30
Ospens, Large, Small, - Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks, - Ap	" 20
Doves, - Pan Kau	each 18
Eggs, Hen - Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, - Kai	lb 30
" Hainan, - Hoi Nam Kai	" 28
Geese, - Ngai	" 25
Geese, Wild Shai, - Shang-ho Yea Ngai	pair \$1
Musk Deer, - Wong Keng	each \$3.50
Hare, Shanghai, - Tu Chai	" 50
Partridge, - Che Khou	" 50
Pheasant, - Shan Kai	pair \$ 1.45
Pigeons, Canton, - Pak Kup	" 28
" Hoihow, - Hoi How Pak Kup	" 13
Quail, - Um Chun	" 13
Rice Birds, - Wo Pa Chaul	dozen 22
Saipa, - Sa Choy	each 22
Turkeys, Cock - Phor Kai Kung	lb. 65
" Hen, - Na	" 50
Wild Ducks, Shai - Shang hoi Sui Ap	\$1.10
Teal, - Sui Ap Chai	" 45
Wild Ducks Canton - Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 75

FISH.

Fish.	
Barbel, - Ka Yu	lb. 8
Bream, - Bin Yu	" 13
Canton Fresh Water Fish, - Hoi Sin Yu	" 13
Carp, - Li Yu	" 17
Catfish, - Chik Yu	" 17
Odish, - Mun Yu	" 16
Orabs, - Hai	" 18
Outle Fish, - Mak Yu	" 15
Dab, - Sa Mang Yu	" 15
Dece, - Wong Mei Lun	" 11
Dog Fish, - Tit Tu Sa	" 8
Eels, Congor, - Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water, - Tam Sin Yu	" 13
Eels, Yellow, - Wong Sin	" 24
Frogs, - Tien Kai	" 28
Garoupa, - Sak Pan	" 10
Gudgeon, - Pak Kup Yu	" 10
Herrings, - Tso Pak	" 18
Halibut, - Cheung Kwan Kup	" 28
Labrus, - Wong Fa Yu	" 15
Loach, - Wu Yu	" 28
Lobsters, - Ling Ha	" 24
Mackerel, - Chi Yu	" 18
Monk Fish, - Mong Yu	" 28
Mullet, - Chai Yu	" 28
Oysters, - Sang Hoi	" 20
Perch, - Kai Kong Yu	" 15
Pike, - Tau Loo	" 14
Pike, - Fa Paw Poong	" 8
Plaice, - Pan Yu	" 18
Pommet, Black, - Hak Chong	" 20
Pommet, White, - Pak Chong	" 28
Paw, - Ming Ha	" 48
Ray, - Pa Sa	" 8
Rock Fish, - Sak Ka Kung	" 14
Rea	" 19

Meat.

Meat.	
Shrimp, - Ma Yan Y	lb. 32
Shark, - Sa Yu	" 8
Skate, - Po Yu	" 9
Shrimps, - Ha	" 22
Snapper, - Lap Yu	" 16
Soles, - Tat Sa Yu	" 15
Tench, - Wan Yu	" 17
Turbot, - Oho How Yu	" 18
Turtles, small, fresh water, - Kork Yu	" 50
White Bait, - Ngau Yu Chai	" 1

FRUITS.

Fruits.	
Almonds, - Hung Yau	lb. 25
Apples (California) - Kam San Ping Kho	" 20
" (Chefoo) - Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 20
" Small, - Hoi Tong	" 20
" Oustard, - Fan Lai Chi	each 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, - San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao, - San Heung Chiu	" 4
Chestnuts, Chinese, - Foong Lut	" 12
Carambola, - Young Tuo	" 12
Cocoanuts, - Yeh Tee	each 12
Lemons, China, - Ning Moong	lb 6
" America, - Kum San Ning Moon	" 8
Lichies Dried, - Lai Chi, small Stone	" 25
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Saigon) - Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 1
Mango, Manila, - Lai Sung Moong	" 1
Mangosteens, - San Chuk Tse	doz 5
Oranges, (Canton) - San-shing Tim Ching	lb 5
" Sweet	" 6
Pears, (American), - Kam San Shoot Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cooking, - Sa Lay	" 10
Peanuts, - Fa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large, - Hung Chie	" 1
Pine-apples, 1st quality, - Poon Ti Paw Law	each 8
" 2nd, - Chung-tang Paw Law	" 6
Plantain, - Tai Chou	lb 1
Plums, - Swatow, Hung Lai	" 13
Pumelo, Siam, - Ohim Lo Yau	each 13
" Shanghai, - Lo Kwat	" 12
Walnuts, - Hop Tuo	lb 12
" Green, - Sang Hop Tuo	" 1
Water Melon, - (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 1
Grapes, - Sang Po Tai Tse	lb 20

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables, &c.	
Artichokes, Shanghai, - Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb 8
Chenck	" 12
Beans, (French), Macao, - Oh Moou Pin Tau	" 12
" (French) Shanghai, - Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Tan	" 10
" Sprout, - Ah Cho	" 8
" Long, - Tau Ko	" 8
Beet Root, - Hung Choi Tau	each 8
Brinjals, Green, - Ching Yuen	" 8
" Red, - Hung Ker	" 5
Cabbage, Chinese, com, - Kai Choy	" 10
Cabbage Red, - Hung Yea Choy	" 1
Cabbage, Shanghai, - Yeh Chai	" 10
Cane Shoots, bunch, - Kau Shun	lb 10
Cauliflower, Large size, - Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each 15
" Medium size, - Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	" 12
" Small size, - Sai Yen Choi Fa	" 10
Carrots, - Kam Shum	lb. 6
Celery, Chinese, - Tong Kan Chui	" 5
" English, - Young Kan Chui	" 5
Chillies Dried, - Gon Lat Chiu	" 25
" Red, - Hung Far Chiu	" 15
" Green, - Ching Lat Chiu	" 10
Curry Stuff, English, - Kar Lee Chui Liu	" 10
Cucumbers, - Ching Kwa	" 2
Bitter Squash, - Fu Kwa	" 8
Garlic, - Que Tau	" 8
Ginger, young, - Sun Tai Keung	" 6
" old, - Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai, - Lik Kan	each 12
Indian Corn, - Suk Mai	" 1
Lettuce, - Young Sang Choi	" 1
Water Cheenuts, - Ma Tai	lb. 6
" Mandarin, - Kwai Lum Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh, - Sang Cho Koo	" 1
Mush Melon, Amer. - Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 14
Okroes	" 8
Onions Bombay, - Young Chong Tau	" 8
" Green, - Sang Chong	" 5
" Shanghai, - Shang-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Papaw, 1st qual., - Tai Man San Kua	each 10
" 2nd, - Chung	" 6
Parley, - Kun Cho	" 15
Green Peas, - Ching Tau	lb. 15
Potatoes, Sweet, - Fan Shu	" 3
" Shanghai, - Shang-hoi Shu Tau	" 8
" Japan, - Yut Poon Shu Tau	" 8
" American, - Fa Ki Shu Tau	" 8
" Foochow, - Foo-chow Shu Tau	" 8
Pumpkin, - Tong Kwa	" 8
Radish, - Hung Lo Pak Tsai	" 5
Rhubarb (Kraut), - Tai Wong	" 1
Sage, - Tso So	" 8
Shallots, - Gon Chung Tau	" 8
Spinach, - Yin Chai	" 8
Tomatoes, - Fan Ker	" 4
Taro, - Wu Tau	" 4
" Punt, (Long), - Lo Pak	" 4
" English, - Young Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow, - Chit Kwa	" 1
" (American), - Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 1
Water Cross, - Sai Young Chai	" 14
" Lily root, - Lin Ngau	" 6
Yam, - Ta Shu	" 5

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.	FROM EUROPE.
THE Steamship	THE H. A. L. Steamship
"NILE."	"ARMENIA."
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN, PORTS, SHANGHAI & MANILA.	Captain Eekhorn, having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Under-
The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.	Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.
Cargo remaining on board after THURSDAY Dec. 26th, 1912, at noon will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.	All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.
Cargo remaining undelivered WEDNESDAY January 1st, 1913, at noon will be subject to landing and storage charges.	No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst., will be subject to rent.
No fire insurance whatever will be effected.	All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 9.30 a.m.
All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown MONDAY Dec. 30th, 1912 at 10 a.m.	No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at time of delivery to consignees and sign for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	This steamer brings on Cargo:—
All claims must be filed on or before Jan. 25th 1913, otherwise they will not be recognised.	ex S.S. "Bollia" from Havre.
FRED J. HALTON, Agent	"Negador" from Fortima.
Hongkong, 26th Dec., 1912. [1002]	"Fair" from Abus.
	"Concor" from Drammen.
	"Frans" from Abus.
	"Norge" from Gotaborg.
	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
	Hongkong, 26th Dec., 1912. [1996]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"THONGWA."

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Agents

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1912. [1001]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLAVERS."

From MIDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered at or the 26th Dec., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 7th prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents

Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1912. [1004]

Brung Output.

The output of Brung, Limited, for November was 32.72 piculs.

November Rubber Returns.

Anglo-Sumatra, -26,762 lbs.

Malaka Pinda, -10,600 lbs.

Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co., Ltd.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co., Ltd., held on the 17th instant, it was decided, subject to audit, to recommend a dividend of five (5) per cent. at the Annual Meeting of the Company to be held on the 31st instant.

Shanghai Bullion, December 18, 1912.

Bar Silver ... d. 29.5-16

Mexican Dollars.

Market Rate... Tls. 74.1

Dragon Dollars.

Native Bank

Rate ... 73.775

Copper Cash ... per Tls. 1,750

Shanghai Gold ...

Bar Silver ... Tls. 337.1-2

Bar Silver ... Tls. 111.15

Native Interest...

Sovereigns: Bk's.

Buying rate... 7.38 \$9.18

Penchin Colliery Company.

One of the three blasting furnaces for installation on the premises of the Penchin Colliery and Mining Company has been completely installed, and will be opened to operation shortly. We understand that the construction materials for these furnaces have been purchased from the Edsmittau (Steel) Works, and there exists an understanding that the whole of the output is to be sold to the Government Works. The yearly output, when all the three furnaces come into working order, is put at about 120,000 tons of iron worth Y4,800,000.

COMMERCIAL.

Rubber and Mining Shares.

Messrs. Davies & Co., of Singapore send us the following (December 14):—

Company. Closing Quotations.

Dollar. Buyers. Sellers.

Alor Gajah ... 3.25 3.75 c.d.

Ayer Kuning ... 0.82 0.90

Ayer Molek ... 2.90 3.20

Ayer Panas ... 8.35 8.60

Balgonie ... 7.35 7.80

Bukit ... 0.55 0.62

Jolutong ... 0.30 0.50

Bukit Kotil ... 0.08 0.37

Bukit K.B. ... 1.05 1.12

Bukit Timah ... 18.00 10.75

Ohangkat ... 7.10 7.50

Serdang ... 1.40 1.55

Glensay ... 0.15 0.20 p.m.

Haytor ... 8.00 9.00

Indragiri ... 7.00 7.25

Jimah ... 0.47 0.52

Kedah ... 2.30 2.60

Kelamuk ... 1.50 1.35 Dis.

Kempas ... 4.10 4.25

Kuala Sawah ... 0.40 0.59

Lunas ... 2.20 2.50

Malaka Pinda ... 1.55 1.60 c.d.

Malakoff ... 2.05 2.85

Mandaitong ... 0.02 0.70

Mergui ... 2.30 2.45

Nellay ... 0.35 0.45

New Serendab ... 2.60 2.70

Nyalas ... 0.42 0.47

Pajam ... 15.00 15.40

Pantai ... 1.27 1.35

Punggor ... 0.77 0.82

Radella ... 15.00 16.50

Sandeyor ... 12.75 13.75

Sembrong ... 0.40 0.45

Sungei Bagan ... 1.30 1.40

Tanbalak ... 0.77 0.85

Tapah ... 14.00 14.50

Teluk Anson ... 7.35 8.00

Trafalgar ... 1.25 1.35

Trafalgar (Coconut crop) ... 0.77 0.85

Ulu Pandan ... 0.77 0.85

United Malacca ... 1.12 1.20

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Billion Tin Co.

According to a Hague telegram of November 29, to the Batavia "Nieuwsblad," the Billion Tin Company (Tin) declares a dividend of 91 per cent.

Japanese Cotton Yarn.

According to investigations made by the Japanese Cotton Spinners' Association, the total export of cotton yarn from Japan last month amounted to 42,574 bales, an increase of 8,230 bales on the figures for October, which were the highest monthly record this year. The Osaka Mainichi remarks that an export of yarn amounting to over 40,000 bales a month has seldom been seen in Japan; such a total has been recorded only three times previously—44,119 bales in May 1900, 46,270 bales in September 1905, and 41,433 bales in November 1910. It is noteworthy, continues the Osaka journal, that the export has increased, and it is owing to the great activity lately shown in the export of yarn that no congestion of stock is seen on the market in Japan, despite the smaller home demand for yarn in the past three months as follows:—

	Production. Export.	(Bales.)	(Bales.)
September	112,316	20,021	
October	122,572	34,343	
November	127,854	42,574	

The restriction of 2.75 per cent. in the working hours of spinning mills was removed in October, and the production of yarn for that month showed an increase of 10,256 bales on the figures for the preceding month, and the export an increase of 5,222 bales. The production for November showed an increase of 8,230 bales on the figures for the preceding month. The output for this month will increase as usual, but in January, February, and March the figures will drop down again, as is generally the case. But if the export business continues in its present active state, no congestion of stocks will be seen for some time to come.

Entertainments

BIJOU.

9.15 MONSTER 9.15

XMAS PROGRAMME

THE SHEPHERDESS

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Current Events.—

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JANUARY 8th

CANDIDA

JANUARY 9th

THE LIARS

JANUARY 10th

MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION

JANUARY 11th

TWELFTH NIGHT

(Matinee)

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

(Evening)

JANUARY 13th

SALOME

JANUARY 14th

TAMING OF THE SHREW

JANUARY 15th

THE SECOND Mrs. TANQUERAY

JANUARY 16th

THE CARDINAL

JANUARY 17th

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